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#### REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the instant application. In accordance with discussions with the Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the normal human control to which levels are compared is a normal human control sample of the same type of cells, tissues or bodily fluids as the patient. Support for this amendment is provided in the specification at page 8, lines 10-17. As also discussed with the Examiner, Applicants have added new dependent claims 12-16 drawn to specific embodiments set forth in claim 1. No new matter is added by these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.

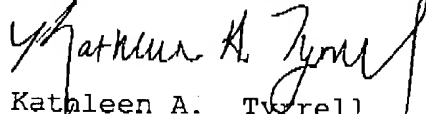
#### Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Telephone Interview with the Examiner. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance

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of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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